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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1))

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed together with the above-identified patent application. Thus, a certification under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is not required for the information herein to be considered.

The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The above-identified patent application claims priority to French Patent Application No. FR 0215798 filed December 13, 2002. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a French Search Report issued on the priority French Patent Application No. FR 0215798. The Search Report cited PCT International Publication No. WO 01/45038, German Patent Application No. DE 19530391 and Patent Abstracts of Japan publication No. JP 2002 352200. Applicants' attorney is also aware of the following US patent that was cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application: US 5,896,087.

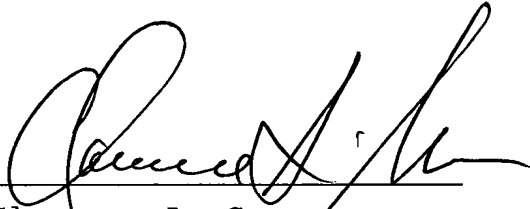
Pursuant to Sections 609 and 707.05(b) of the MPEP and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, the undersigned is bringing the following co-pending U.S. patent application, of which he is aware, to the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application as it may be considered pertinent to the invention claimed in the above-identified application.

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Attorney Docket No.: 945-011609-US (PAR)

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